Applicants in Hyderabad Zonal Passport Office

5467. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a larger number of Passport applications are filed from areas outside Hyderabad city in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that passport appliacnts from outside Hyderabad do not get any intimation on the status of their applications;

(c) if so, how do Government propose to rectify this situation; and

(d) whether Government would give instructions to the Regional Passport Officer at Hyderabad to reply to enquiries of applicants from outside Hyderabad city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The number of applications filed from areas outside Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh was 131533 and 88631 in 1993 and 1994 respectively. In Hyderabad city, the number is 70475 and 42714 respectively.

(b) and (c) The passport Office, Hyderabad makes every effort to inform the applicants outside Hyderabad by Registered Post about the status of their applications whenever a query is raised. In views of the receipt and despatch through post, time taken to process response of such enquiries is somewhat longer. With the computerisation Passport Office with effect from 25th April, 1995 prospective enquiries can be responded to expeditiously.

(d) All RPOs/POs have standing instructions to reply to all enquiries expeditiously.

Passports issued by Regional Pasport Office, Hyderabad

5468. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many passport were issued by the Regional Passport Office in Hyderabad in 1994-95;

(b) how many passport applications were filled in Hyderabad. during. the same period; and

(c) how do Government propose to expedite issue of passports from this office in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): The total number of passports issued during 1994-95 is 1,32,442.

(b) The number of fresh passport applications received during the same period is 1,24,743

(c) In all pending cases, reminders are being sent to the applicants by Registered Post to complete their papers. The Passport Office, Hyderabad has been computerised with effect from 25th April, 1995 and this will expedite issue of passports.

Indo-China talks on Mc Mohan Line

5469. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are compromising with China on the issue of Mc Mahon Line that marks the border between India and China;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government would continue to stick to its claim on the Mc Mahon Line and would reclaim its territory occupied by China during the Chinese aggression of 1962; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to start negotiations with China in this regard if so, whether any time limit is fixed of bilateral talk in this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.